

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) An electronic camera comprising:
a photographic lens ~~configure~~ configured to form an object
image;

5 an image sensing element configured to photoelectrically
convert the formed object image;

an optical filter disposed between the photographic lens and
the image sensing element;

10 a focal-plane shutter disposed between the photographic lens
and the optical filter to mechanically interrupt incident light
to the image sensing element; ~~and~~

a holding frame configured to surround the image sensing
element and the optical filter and to form a closed space between
the image sensing element and the optical filter;

15 ~~a stop device configured to limit an amount of light
incident on the image sensing element;~~

~~a stop controller configured to set a value of an aperture
area of the stop device;~~

~~a shutter controller configured to set a value of a shutter
speed of the focal-plane shutter; and~~

20 an exposure controller configured to operate the focal-plane shutter in different modes in accordance with the set value of the aperture area of the stop, even when the set value of the shutter speed remains the same, thereby obtaining a predetermined exposure time.

12. (Currently Amended) The camera according to claim 11, further comprising a light guiding device disposed between the photographic lens and the optical filter to guide incident light from an object, which is incident from the photographic lens, to 5 a first optical path to the image sensing element and to a second optical path different from the first optical path.

13. (Withdrawn) The camera according to claim 12, wherein the light guiding device comprises a light splitting device configured to split the incident light to the first and second optical paths.

14. (Withdrawn) The camera according to claim 13, wherein the light splitting device comprises a beam splitter.

15. (Currently Amended) The camera according to claim 12, wherein the light guiding device comprises an optical path switching device configured to ~~switch first and second states~~

5 perform switching between a first state in which the incident light is output to the first optical path and a second optical paths, respectively state in which the incident light is output to the first optical path.

16. (Original) The camera according to claim 15, wherein the optical path switching device comprises a movable mirror.

Claims 17-21 (Canceled).